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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.116

Sir:

This amendment and reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action as mailed on February 1, 2007. Also enclosed is a request for an extension of time to respond hereto, having a period of response extending through and including June 1, 2007. Please make the below-identified amendments and consider the following remarks:

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.